Introduced by Assembly Member Firebaugh

February 21, 2003

An act to add Title 15.2 (commencing with Section 96200) to the Government Code, relating to state agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1494, as introduced, Firebaugh. California Amateur and Professional Sports Commission Act.

Existing law generally provides for various entities to implement economic development programs in the state.

This bill would enact the California Amateur and Professional Sports Commission Act. It would establish the California Amateur and Professional Sports Commission, consisting of specified members, in state government to promote major amateur and professional sports within the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 15.2 (commencing with Section 96200) is 2 added to the Government Code, to read:

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TITLE 15.2. CALIFORNIA AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION ACT

96200. This title shall be known and may be cited as the California Amateur and Professional Sports Commission Act.

- 96201. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- (1) It is necessary and essential that the state use all means and measures to promote major amateur and professional sports within the state.
- (2) Major amateur and professional sports events attract a national and international live audience.
- (3) Major amateur and professional sports events held in California translate into a net increase in jobs, in business activity, and in state and local revenue.
- (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this title to provide a means to attract major professional sports teams and facilities, and major amateur and professional sports events, to the state.
- 96202. The California Amateur and Professional Sports Commission is hereby established in state government. The commission constitutes a public instrumentality and a political subdivision of the state, and the exercise by the commission of the powers conferred by this title shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential public function.
- 96203. (a) The commission shall consist of three members, one each appointed by the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly, for a term of two years.
- 28 (b) Members of the commission shall serve without 29 compensation.
 - 96204. The commission shall maintain an office in the City of Sacramento.
- 96205. (a) The commission may do all things necessary or convenient to implement this title.
- 34 (b) The commission shall adopt all necessary rules and 35 regulations necessary to implement this title.